

## The Watchman and Southern.

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## PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. J. M. Chandler returned home Monday after a stay of several weeks in Atlanta with her sisters, Mrs. Dunwood and Mrs. Wright.

## Mrs. Thayer Bereaved.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 17.  
Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Thayer were called to Greenville this morning on account of the death at that place of Mrs. Thayer's mother, Mrs. Mauldin. Mrs. Thayer has the sympathy of the people of Sumter in her bereavement.

## Marriage License Record.

A license to marry has been granted to one colored couple: John Gamble and Georgia Rowe, Sumter.

## Real Estate Transfers.

D. James Winn to J. T. Brightwell, lot on corner of Calhoun and Purdy streets, \$1,300.

Mary S. Nelson to Charles Singleton, 18 acre plot near Claremont depot, \$1,080.

D. James Winn to H. O. Brightwell, lot on Purdy street, \$1,200.

Florence B. Ellerbe and S. Ellen Ellerbe to Beauregard Allston, 31 8-10 acres in Sumter county, \$1,590.

W. H. Brunson to Joel Davis, 50 acres in county, \$721.

J. Doby Jennings to Norman Jennings, Kenneth Jennings, et al., lot and buildings on Hampton Avenue, \$5 and other considerations.

## Magnet Factory on Full Tilt.

The Sumter Electrical Company which manufactures the well known S-M magnets is now running on full time and will continue to do so for the rest of the year. The factory was forced to shut down to half time some weeks ago on account of the falling off of business and financial conditions.

## Belgian Relief Fund.

Previously acknowledged... \$201.53  
Through T. E. Hodge:  
Providence school... \$2.50  
W. M. Broadway... \$1.00  
T. E. Hodge... \$1.00 4.50

\$206.03

## Fire in Georgetown.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 17.  
A report was received in Sumter this afternoon that there was a big fire in progress in Georgetown and that several residences had been burned.

## CURB MARKET A SUCCESS.

Number of Buyers and Sellers on Hand on Opening Day.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 17.

The curb market was pronounced a success by a number of the farmers who came in this morning to sell their produce to the housekeepers of Sumter. There were several of these producers on hand during the morning and many of them sold out all of their pork, beef, and vegetables, the market being closed at noon. There were probably nearly half a hundred ladies and gentlemen of Sumter who went to the scene of the market, Canal street off the court house square, to see what the farmers brought in and to make their purchases of meat and vegetables.

"The cold weather curbed the curb market" remarked one of the wits, who had come out to see what a curb market looked like. This statement, however, was literally true, for none of the farmers arrived at the scene until long after the supposed time for opening the market and many of the housekeepers and would-be purchasers had come and gone before anybody with produce to sell arrived, the cold weather delaying them. There had telephoned others that there was nobody there and this probably prevented even a greater number of ladies attending the opening of the market.

Mr. J. Frank Williams, a hustling Stateburg farmer, was the first to make his appearance. Beef and turkeys were in his automobile and buggy. Mr. J. K. Jennings had pork. Mr. Geddings carried canned tomatoes and turnips, and other farmers had various other articles to sell, pork, beef and a few vegetables being chief among the products which were offered for sale on the opening day.

However, a fact that augurs the success of the market is the fact that most of the eight or ten producers who brought products to sell, sold out in a short time and were well satisfied with results. Several promised to be back on Saturday, the next day on which the curb market will be open, while others stated that they would come on Tuesday and Thursday, confidently promising to return to warrant the housekeepers coming out between nine and ten o'clock on Saturday to make their purchases direct from the producers.

## FACTORS THAT MAKE PROFITABLE FARMING.

How the One-crop System Hurts and Why Diversification Pays is the Slogan of the Experimental Agricultural Station is Preaching to Farmers.

The one-crop system robs soils of their fertility.

Diversification and the practice of crop rotation tend to make soils more productive.

Live stock farming enriches the soil.

Texas fever can be eliminated by eradication of the cattle tick. The cattle tick can be eradicated very easily.

Feeding hogs on corn alone is unprofitable.

Feeding hogs on pasture alone is unprofitable.

Feeding hogs on pasture with a little ration of grain gives greatest profits.

Hogs can be protected from cholera by means of vaccination.

The Babcock test offers a simple means of determining the butter fat in milk and cream.

All of the above factors, each in itself worth millions of dollars to the American people, were discovered by scientific experiment men, most of whom were in the employ of experiment stations.

The facts in regard to diversification that are now being presented by the campaign force in this State have been brought together from various sources. Practical experience has played an important part from the standpoint of individuals engaged in the work. However, each individual uses experimental evidence as the foundation and backbone for his whole theme. Every point made is emphasized by the citation of experimental results.

To give the people the benefit of the information that has been secured by others, either through practical experience or as the result of experimental work, is the whole object of the campaign. Each farmer could learn these facts for himself if he were provided with the means to try out various plans under experimental conditions. Such a procedure would be far too expensive for the individual and therefore the United States government and the States have established a central station for such work. Since the fundamental facts secured in one part of a State apply to any other part of that State, it would be needless to have each individual experimenting separately. Through the State plan each individual contributes his part towards the maintenance of a central station, whose duties it is to devise experiments to throw light upon practical agricultural problems.

The experiment station was established by act of congress, which appropriated funds for investigation into agricultural problems. It has endeavored, with its limited means, to solve the most important problems of the State. With that in view its activities have been directed along the several most important lines of agricultural research. The agricultural problems of the State are many, including those of soil tillage, soil fertility, the adaptation of crops to various types of soils, the production of the higher producing varieties of the various crops, the comparison of varieties already established, the protection of fruit and farm crops from insects and diseases, the profitable management of live stock under local conditions and the protection of live stock from the ravages of disease.

Following are some important practical farm facts that have been established by the Arkansas agricultural experiment station:

Beef can be produced profitably in Arkansas when cattle are pastured on corn fodder, cowpeas and fed with cottonseed meal.

Pork can be produced as profitably in this State when pastured as in any other State in the Union.

Winter oats on an average give a yield of six bushels per acre more than do spring varieties that are so commonly grown in the State.

Twenty-five bushels of corn per acre is the value of one cultivation given at the right time.

Late cultivation of corn increases the yield by 2 1-2 bushels for each time the corn is cultivated.

The even distribution of corn gives best results.

Alfalfa, red clover and many other forage crops can be produced profitably when proper conditions are provided.

Soil analysis shows that the Arkansas soils are markedly deficient in phosphorus. Field experiments bear this out and show that phosphorus gives best results in field trials.

The most profitable amount of commercial fertilizer is about 500 pounds per acre as shown by field tests, where this amount was compared with applications ranging from 200 to 1,000 pounds.

Parn yard manure used as a fertilizer gave a return value the first

year of \$2.00 per ton.

Tile drainage can be successfully put in on Arkansas farms.

The experiment station maintains a corps of trained men, whose duties consist of developing investigations to uncover valuable facts that may lead to increased crop production at reduced cost. If advance is to be made in the agricultural world it will be made through the investigators. These men are public servants working for the public good. The results of their work are turned over free of further cost to the people of the State and the Union who employed them.

One of the problems of the experiment station in the past has been that of carrying information to the people. The agricultural college and schools have been able to reach a limited number of the young people of the State. The bulletins published by the experiment station have been distributed to those residents of the State who are supposed to be interested in the development of agriculture. In an effort to extend the information and reach the people who were unable to attend the agricultural colleges and who did not read the bulletins published, the extension service of the college was developed. The extension force now engaged in the profitable farming campaign are those who have been employed to carry to the people information that is secured at the various experiment stations. The sources of agricultural information lie in practical experience gained through actual comparisons, such as those employed in experiment station work. The experiment station is an important original source of agricultural information.

## HANDSOME STORE WINDOWS.

Many merchants in the city are decorating their windows for the Christmas season in order to catch the eye of the shopper and attract his or her Christmas spending money. Several of the merchants who have gone to elaborate details in the decorations have already been mentioned. Others to be added to the list are now mentioned:

The Sumter Dry Goods Company has in its windows an attractive display of dolls, handkerchiefs and toys on one side, while on the other is a display of beautiful dresses which might make even the best woman envious.

W. A. Thompson's Jewelry store has its windows bordered with holly and fern and a splendid collection of jewelry to tempt the shopper to stop and look and then enter and purchase.

McCollum Bros., have arranged one of their windows in a most unique and attractive manner for the Christmas season. The window shows the fireplace and hearth with the stockings hung from the mantel ready filled by Santa Claus and one little girl, just awakened from her sleep, just ready to investigate and see what Santa has brought her. A nice display of goods is arranged for the inspection of the shopper.

The Shaw & McCollum Mercantile Company has a nice collection of toys in one window and the other is neatly arranged to show off slippers, dresses and other articles of ladies' apparel.

O'Donnell & Company have three of their windows very tastefully decorated, the fourth having not yet been opened for the public view. The first window is in red and green of the Christmas season and shows a display of gentlemen's clothing; the second window is in white and green, holly being used as a border, and in it are many useful articles for both men and women; the third window is decorated in green and shows an extremely tempting display of nuts and fruits.

The Sumter Motor Company has a good display of toys in its windows.

The Wreck Store is still engaged in decorating its windows, but several have already been completed. One window shows a Christmas tree in the center of a collection of foot wear, good for Christmas gifts. Another is decorated with holly in artistic design and shows a display of men's clothing. The other window is likewise decorated in holly and shows a number of articles of bed covering which are much needed on these cold winter nights.

The Cobb Five and Ten Cent Store has a collection of toys of all sorts and descriptions.

At Sibert's there is a display of articles, any one of which would make a most excellent Christmas gift.

Hearon's also has a nice display of goods suitable for Christmas presents.

At a meeting Wednesday night the newly elected officers of Claremont Lodge No. 64, A. F. M. were installed.

Mobile, Dec. 17.—Reuben Mc. Broom, a wealthy shoe man, was shot and killed by his wife today at her fashionable home. The wife was suing for divorce, when her husband went home to secure his clothes.

## FARMERS PLANTING GRAIN.

Cereals Will Take Place of Cotton Next Year Around Mayesville—Other News Items.

Mayesville, Dec. 14.—From all indications the farmers in this section will plant grain extensively next year. Quite a number have already put in a good many acres in oats, wheat and other grain. The planting of wheat in this vicinity has not been undertaken to any extent in many years but it seems that another year will see quite a good acreage in wheat hereabouts. If sufficient of this grain is planted and the yield proves good, there will probably be a flour mill built at some convenient point in this section. There will be a great many more hogs raised in this county during the coming year than for many years past. All of the planters have come to the conclusion that grain and hogs are the most profitable products for the Southern farmer.

No great amount of cotton has been sold here as yet and quantities of the staple can be seen stored on all sides, in lots, on the streets, and in vacant buildings. There is little more in the fields to be gathered now and within the next two weeks, probably all will be harvested. The long wet spell has been especially hard on cotton and the gins have had a lot of trouble with the wet cotton in the gins. The seed market holds up good here and large shipments of seed are made weekly.

The merchants are having a rather dull season but on the whole, things have not been as bad as at first expected. A fair trade is expected during the holiday season and most of the merchants are preparing for good business.

The weather of the past two weeks has been unfavorable for almost any kind of business and the prospect now of clear weather is welcomed by all. The new pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. J. P. Inabinet, was unable to fill his first appointment on Sunday on account of the inclement weather.

At a recent meeting of Utopia Lodge No. 303, A. F. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: L. C. Tisdale, W. M.; T. L. Kahn, S. D.; J. W. Thames, J. D.; Rev. R. L. Grier, secretary; Geo. C. Warren, treasurer. The other officers will be appointed by the W. M. This lodge is growing in strength and gives promise of becoming one of the most prosperous in this section.

The Mayesville school will close next week for the usual Christmas vacation. This school has an unusually good attendance this session and under the able principalship of Mr. Brunson is doing a good and satisfactory work.

## GOOD CROWD SEE GAME.

Girls Play Exciting Game and Then Boys Play Exhibition Game.

From The Daily Item, Dec. 16.

There was a good crowd of spectators at the Y. M. C. A. last night to see the double header basketball game. The two games were staged, the one between teams from members of the Jolly Jyms and the other between members of Y. M. C. A. basketball squad. Both games were fast and furnished plenty of interest and amusement for the spectators.

The teams of the Jolly Jyms to compete were: Reds, Misses Haynsworth and Chandler, forwards; Oliver, center; Walker and Shackelford, fielders; McKagen and Nunnemaker, guards. Greens, Misses Rose & Owens, forwards; Richardson, center; Benbow and Tisdale, fielders, and Dixon and Ramsey, guards.

Mis Haynsworth at forward played a star game, and Miss Oliver at center did excellent work for her team; Misses McKagen and Nunnemaker played well at guard; on the Green team, Misses Rose and Owens shared honors as forwards and Miss Tisdale played a star game as side center; Misses Dixon and Ramsey did well as guards, putting up an excellent defense in the second half and preventing a score by their opponents. The score was, first half, Reds, 15; Greens, 6; second half, Reds 9; Greens 5; total, Reds, 15, Greens 11.

On the other two teams were Chandler and Cuttino, forwards, Nash, center; Drevenstadt and Chattham, guards; and on the opposing team were Bryan, Hurst, R. Brown and Walsh, forwards; Brunson, center; R. Brown, Woods, Brown, P. guards. Score in favor of the former team, 41 to 22.

The members of the squad which will go to Columbia on Friday to play the Columbia Y. M. C. A. team consists of Messrs. Chandler, Cuttino, Bryan, Nash, Drevenstadt, Chattham and Bullman.

## Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been granted to the following colored couples: James Furman, Sumter, and Mary Eliza James, Stateburg; Octavius Mayrant and Rachel Prioleau, Darlington; John McKenize Harrison, Sumter, and Annie E. Tindal, Privateer.

## COMMITTEES AND COLLECTIONS.

Those Who Will Serve from Various Sunday Schools—\$490.55 in Offering for Poor.

The former officers were re-elected at the mass meeting of Sunday schools and committees appointed to serve from each Sunday school in the distribution of the offering. The collection amounted to \$490.55, considerably less than on last year when the total collection was \$545.06. The sum raised Sunday, however, will very probably be considerably increased by the mass meeting next Sunday which will be held at the Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock.

Messrs. Bartow Walsh and W. S. Jones are in charge of central committee in the distribution of funds with A. M. Broughton as treasurer and Miss Gibson, the city nurse, as adviser. Those appointed from the Sunday schools to assist are: Trinity Methodist, Mrs. J. A. Brown and Mrs. H. L. Birchard; St. Anne's Catholic, Miss Ammie Teicher and Mrs. E. H. Moses; Presbyterian, Mrs. W. L. Brunson and Mrs. Fred Gregg; First Baptist, Mrs. L. D. Jennings and Mrs. J. A. Middleton, Jr.; Broad Street Methodist, Miss Anna Sanders and Mrs. H. M. Brinkley; Lutheran, Mrs. J. D. Shirer and Mrs. W. P. Middleton; Grace Baptist, Mrs. Joel Brunson and Mrs. J. W. Jackson; Episcopal, Mrs. L. W. Jenkins and Mrs. W. V. Rees; Salem Baptist, Mrs. W. J. Anderson and Mrs. W. T. Hough; Temple Sinai, Miss Armida Moses and Mrs. Irving Ryttenberg; Christian, Mrs. Robert Singleton and Mrs. Earle Gray.

These will until a meeting of the committee is called endeavor to locate cases where help is needed and be able to report on such cases at the meeting of the committee.

The collection taken Sunday afternoon and reported since is as follows: Miscellaneous collection... \$93.05  
Baraca Class, First Baptist C. 10.00  
Jewish Sunday School... 5.00  
Toumey fund... 240.00  
Bible school, Christian C... 5.00  
Sumter Shrine Club... 10.00  
Elks Lodge... 25.00  
Little Colonel Club... 5.00  
O'Donnell & Co... 15.00  
Junior Order American Mechanics... 5.00  
Women of World... 25.00  
Ladies' Altar Society, St. Anne's Catholic Church... 12.50  
Masonic Lodge... 10.00  
Knights of Pythias... 10.00  
Sumter Light Infantry... 5.00  
Epworth Bible Class, Trinity Methodist Church... 5.00  
Salem Baptist S. S... 5.00  
H. A. Moses... 5.00

\$490.55

## "A Kentucky Belle."

St. Charles, Dec. 16.—The above is the name of a play to be given at 8 o'clock in the hall of the St. Charles school on Friday evening, December 18. This delightful comedy has been given in many towns in the South with marked success. The play is carried through from beginning to end with enthusiasm. It promises to be a great success and a pleasant evening is assured those who come. Admission, adults 25c; children, 15c. Refreshments will be served after the play, the proceeds being for the St. Charles school.

## CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

At Lincoln School Building on Sunday Afternoon, December 13.

Responding to the invitation of the colored Episcopalians of this city, a small but appropriate number heard with interest and undivided attention, a few informal but very instructive remarks by Rev. W. A. Guerry, bishop of this diocese.

It was a source of uplift and Christian inspiration to be under the influence of a man who is so broad and liberal, and yet so profound in expressing his views on the meaning of the church and its Christian mission. A real heart to heart talk it was; and long to be remembered by those who were present.

T. E. Gilliard.

## FOR VOLUNTEER ARMY.

Wood and Stimson Express Their Views.

New York, Dec. 15.—Organization of a volunteer army through college camps, federal control of the militia, increase in the regular army and provision for adequate armament are essentials for meeting a sudden attack by a hostile power on the United States, members of the Merchants' association of New York were told today by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and Henry L. Stimson, former secretary of war.

## Yeggenen Rob Bank.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 17.—Cracksmen blew the safe of the Bank of Morton this morning and secured three thousand dollars. They then escaped.

## FREE TOBACCO SEED.

Will be Ready for Distribution by Chamber of Commerce Next Week—Outlook for Tobacco Good.

Mr. T. R. Pepper, lessee and manager of the Sumter tobacco warehouse has written that there will be plenty of the very best grades of tobacco seed for free distribution among tobacco growers in the hands of the Chamber of Commerce by the first of next week.

Mr. Pepper thinks the outlook for good prices for tobacco during 1915 is fine.

It is a generally reported fact that in those sections of the Pee Dee cotton growing sections where farmers planted tobacco liberally that there is no "hard time talk." It is said that tobacco planting farmers have money to pay their debts and are independent of the cotton market.

Farmers wanting free seed should apply to the Chamber of Commerce or to Heaton's Pharmacy.

## SHOW HORSE "AUTOCRAT" SOLD.

Clyde Brown of Florence Purchases Animal from George D. Shore.

The show horse "Autocrat," which was exhibited last spring in South Carolina with such signal success by Mr. Geo. D. Shore of this city has been sold to Mr. Clyde Brown of Florence, the purchase having been consummated several days ago and the horse having been shipped to Florence on yesterday.

Mr. Shore purchased Autocrat from Kentucky last spring in order to exhibit him in the South Carolina horse show circuit, where he won four championships out of five contests. Camden, Sumter, Darlington and Kentucky witnessed his excellent work on the track, and besides the silver pitchers, representing the championship, he won several hundred dollars in cash prizes.

Since the horse shows, Mr. Shore has been keeping Autocrat merely as a pleasure horse. He recently decided in view of the fact that there seemed no likelihood of any horse shows coming off in the near future to sell him, if possible. A want advertisement in a State paper brought several inquiries and negotiations were started which resulted in the sale. Mr. Shore declined to state just what figure he accepted for the horse, but stated that it was a reasonable sum under present conditions, although not nearly so much as the horse was worth as a show horse.

## COLDEST DAY OF WINTER

Temperature Drops Below Freezing Throughout the South.

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—Today is the coldest of the winter with the temperature at a 11 above zero. There is considerable suffering among the destitute. The temperature is six above at Chattanooga and zero on the mountains.

## Flower Seed Distribution.

Representative A. F. Lever of the Seventh District, has requested us to announce that he has a number of packages of flower seed for distribution and any lady desiring an assortment of the same can obtain them by addressing a postal card to Hon. A. F. Lever, House Representatives, Washington, D. C.

## To Retain Postoffice.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Smith today called at the postoffice department relative to the matter of discontinuing the office at South Lynchburg. He was assured that it would be retained.

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